



# BUILDING Our Mission to the Missions

Black and Indian Mission Special Collection

February 17-18 2024

We invite you to support the **Black and Indian Mission Collection** and “*build our mission to the missions*” in Native American, Alaska Native and African American Catholic communities across the United States. Since 1884, the national **Black and Indian Mission Collection** has provided grants to dioceses across the country – including the Diocese of Fort Worth – that enliven parish life and catechesis programs, empower ministries, support teachers and encourage vocations to the priesthood. Pope Francis reminds us in *Lumen Fidei* (51), “Faith helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope.” In solidarity with our Holy Father and with each and every person, “The hands of faith are raised up to heaven, even as they go about building in charity a city based on relationships in which the love of God is laid as a foundation” *Lumen Fidei*, (51). Please generously support the **Black and Indian Mission Collection** in your parish and help build a future of hope in these communities.

**Did you know** an example of the way the Black and Indian Mission Collection directly supports the Diocese of Fort Worth is through our Catholic schools? Every year each school receives a grant from this collection. In recent years the low collection has significantly decreased the grant awards per school putting extra strain on the schools to fundraise. Please consider helping our elementary and high schools through this collection.

In addition to the Sunday collection during weekend Masses on February 17-18, donations can also be made through your parish online giving portal or <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your generous stewardship to the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

## General Information for Parish Business Managers

Collection Date	February 17-18, 2024
Date Funds Due to Diocese	March 9, 2024
Intacct Account Number	214000
Intacct Fund Number	28004
Give Online	<a href="https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections">https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections</a>

## Promotional Information

Resources for parishes in English and in Spanish are available for download at <https://blackandindianmission.org/aboutus/bimo-collection> or use the following suggested promotional copy:



## BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION

*"Faith...helps us build our societies in such a way that they can journey towards a future of hope."*

*- Lumen Fidei (51)*

### ***Bulletin/Website/Pulpit/Social Media Announcements***

#### **Week Before the Collection (February 10-11)**

The Weekend Before the Collection

Next week, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! Our diocese also received \$23,900 in grant funding from this collection last year.

Please give generously to the ***Black and Indian Mission Collection*** on February 17-18 at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at

<https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

#### **Week of the Collection (February 17-18)**

Today, our parish will take up the 139th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in communities from coast to coast, including our diocese, which received \$23,900 from the Black and Indian Mission Collection last year. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today at Mass, through our parish online giving, or at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>. Thank you for your support.

#### **Week After the Collection (February 24-25)**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 139th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the U.S.A. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support! If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Simply note "Black and Indian Mission Collection" on your check or envelope and add it to the collection by February 25 or give online at <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

### ***General Intercessions***

#### **Intercession for Week of the Collection (February 17-18)**

For world, national, tribal, and local leaders, that God would enlighten their decisions to build communities marked by true peace and understanding, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For all teachers, priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, parish leaders, and all who work to build the Church among African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities, that God will bless them, we pray to the Lord....R/.

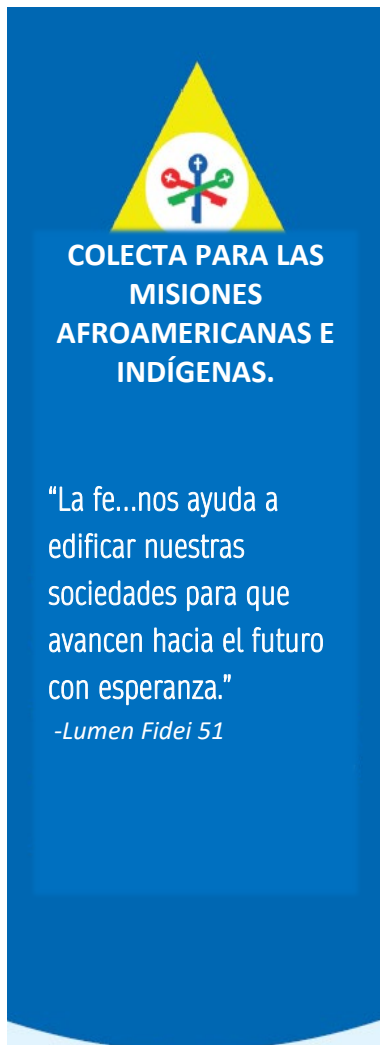
That many Black and Native American Catholic young people would courageously follow the call of Christ to serve as priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For our parish community, that we would help build the Church in African American and Native American

communities through generous support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection today, we pray to the Lord....R/.

For all those who have died, especially those struck by alcoholism, drug abuse, or violence, that our loving God would bring them home to His embrace in Heaven, we pray to the Lord....R/.

If you have any questions about this special collection, please contact Rachel Martinez, CFRE, Director of Annual Giving and Grants of the Advancement Foundation, at 817-533-7242 or [rmartinez@adv-fdn.org](mailto:rmartinez@adv-fdn.org).



### ***Boletín/Sitio web/Púlpito/Anuncios de Redes Sociales***

#### **Semana antes de la Colecta (10-11 de febrero)**

La próxima semana, nuestra parroquia recaudará la 139ª Colecta anual para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo a esta colecta ayuda a construir la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska de costa a costa. ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos dependen de su generosidad para ayudar a proclamar el Evangelio de Jesucristo! El año pasado nuestra diócesis también recibió \$23,900 en subvenciones de esta colecta. Por favor, aporte generosamente durante las misas del 17 y 18 de febrero, a través de las donaciones en línea de nuestra parroquia o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

#### **Semana de la Colecta (17-18 de febrero)**

Hoy nuestra parroquia recaudará la 139ª Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. Nuestro apoyo a esta colecta ayuda a construir la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska de costa a costa, incluyendo a nuestra diócesis, que el año pasado recibió \$23,900 de la Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas. ¡Las escuelas, los programas parroquiales de educación religiosa y los ministerios diocesanos dependen de su generosidad para ayudar a difundir el Evangelio de Jesucristo! Mediante una contribución generosa, usted puede ayudar hoy mismo a hacer frente a las necesidades insatisfechas. Gracias por su apoyo. Por favor, aporte generosamente durante las misas de este fin de semana, a través de las donaciones en línea de nuestra parroquia o en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>.

#### **Semana después de la Colecta (24-25 de febrero)**

Gracias a todos los que participaron en la 139ª Colecta Anual para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas, el fin de semana pasado. Su apoyo en oración ayuda a muchas personas a conocer a Jesucristo en las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de los Nativos de Alaska en todos los Estados Unidos. ¡Sin su apoyo no sería posible difundir el Evangelio! Si no participó en la colecta, ¡no es demasiado tarde para dar! Simplemente anote “Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas” en su cheque o sobre y deposítelo en la colecta antes del 25 de febrero o done en <https://bit.ly/DioceseSpecialCollections>

**Preces para la semana de la Colecta (17-18 de febrero)**

Por los líderes mundiales, nacionales, tribales y locales, para que Dios ilumine sus decisiones para construir comunidades caracterizadas por la verdadera paz y el entendimiento, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por todos los maestros, sacerdotes, religiosas y religiosos, diáconos, líderes parroquiales y todos los que trabajan para edificar la Iglesia entre las comunidades Afroamericanas, Indígenas y de Nativos de Alaska, para que Dios los bendiga, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Que muchos jóvenes católicos Afroamericanos e Indígenas sigan con valentía el llamado de Cristo de servir al pueblo de Dios como sacerdotes, diáconos y hombres y mujeres consagrados, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por nuestra comunidad parroquial, para que podamos ayudar a edificar la Iglesia en las comunidades Afroamericanas e Indígenas mediante el apoyo generoso a la Colecta para las Misiones Afroamericanas e Indígenas que se recoge hoy, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Por todos los fieles difuntos, especialmente los que fueron abatidos por el alcoholismo, el abuso de las drogas o la violencia; que nuestro Dios amoroso los reciba en su morada en el Cielo, roguemos al Señor. R/.

Si tiene alguna pregunta sobre esta colecta especial, comuníquese con Rachel Martinez, CFRE,  
Directora de Donaciones Anuales y Subvenciones de la Fundación de Avance,  
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